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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Japanese have driven the Russians out of Tie Pass and are in hot pursuit——Senator Morgan sprung a sensation in the Santo Domingo discussion.... Secretary of State John Hay will sail this week on a voyage to Europe "for the benefit of his health." —— Mr. Meyer Guggenheim, of New York, copper capitalist and millionaire, who began his career as a peddler of stove polish, died yesterday at Palm Beach, Fla. —— President Castro, of Venezuela, is belligerent and threatens to send 30,000 troops against New Orleans to curb the power of the United States. —— Secretary of War Taft yesterday gave out a statement that the Roosevelt administration's policy is to indefinitely hold the Philippines until they are ready for independence or self-decided allegiance to the United States. —— In a bankruptcy hearing in New York yesterday a bank cashier stated that it was a custom among New York banks to loan hundreds of thousands of dollars on the reputed good standing of a firm. —— In the German Reichstag yesterday Herr Bebel, socialist leader, acrimoniously attacked the government's policy favoring Russia, and in response the chancellor made a defense that does not defend. —— Gugielmo Marconi, the wireless telegraph inventor, was married in London yesterday to an heiress, the Honorable Beatrice O'Brien. —— The appeal of Albert T. Patrick, murderer of millionaire Rice, of New York, was argued yesterday and the condemned man gave a farewell embrace to his family. —— In New York yesterday a motorman was almost lynched for being the cause of a collision in which two persons were badly injured. —— Dr. Craighead, successor to Dr. E. A. Alderman, was inaugurated as president of Tulane University at New Orleans yesterday. —— The gross earnings of the United States Steel Corporation fell off $92,167,000 last year. —— King Edward of Great Britain is indisposed with a cold; the Prince of Wales held the levee at St. James Palace yesterday. ——New York markets: Money on call was strong at 2½ to 4 per cent; cotton was quiet at 8 15c; flour was dull; wheat, spot barely steady, No. 2 red $1.17½ f. o. b. afloat; corn, spot easy, No. 2 58½c. at elevator; oats, spot steady, mixed 37½ to 38½c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady at 55 to 55½.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Wilmington, N. C., Mar. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 40; 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 63 degrees; minimum 38 degrees; mean 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 2.64.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. to-day (Thursday,) 12 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, March 16.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; light to fresh east to southeast winds.

Port Almanac—March 17.

Sun Rises	6 00 A. M.
Sun Sets	6 09 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 48 M.
High Water at Southport	4.21 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington	6.51 A. M.

The Salisbury political pugilists are still Hammer-ing away at each other.

Perhaps Russia's plans are identically the same as the tactics of married men whose strategy is to pretend like they are whipped.

"There is always room at the top," but if you never get there you won't have some snodgrass to come along and nudge you off the pinnacle.

Three Wisconsin paper mills have withdrawn from the Paper Trust. The Trust must be trying to disjoint itself till the octopus killer goes by.

The cablegrams say "The fleeing Russians are surrendering in squads." We are surprised at them, for they are only doing what the Married Men's Union set the pace for.

"The government also proposes to make the Drug Trust sick," says the Washington Post. The Star suggests that the appropriate punishment for the Drug Trust is nothing less than the pillory.

In Salisbury they are flourishing pistoricals, drawing the claret and swapping black eyes over municipal politics. Down here it seems difficult to prevail on anybody to become a candidate for Mayor.

The universally esteemed Baltimore Sun tells us about "The New Head of the Republican Party." What we are anxious to find out is if we can get more amusement out of cracking its new head than we did in trying to smash its old noggin.

Two inventors named Pollak and Cirag have perfected a system of telegraph that uses 40,000 words an hour. This speed is only exceeded by the delightful and exhilarating loquacity of a woman who has taken in all the Spring millinery openings.

Judge Grosscup, of Chicago, who issued the injunction against the Beef Trust, says "the corporations of America are in their infancy." If the tots are now able to wriggle out from under the punitive hand of Uncle Sam, what can he do to them when they become full-fledged?

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over in the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Revenue Cutter "Seminole sailed yesterday afternoon for a cruise South and will stop first at Charleston, S. C.

— The well known poet-humorist, Fred Emerson Brooks, will be seen at the Academy of Music to-night in the lyceum course of attractions.

— Application was made yesterday for a permit to build a 4-room, frame dwelling on north side of Rankin, 120 feet east of Wood street.

— A colored family in which smallpox was discovered was sent out from McRee's alley to the pest house yesterday. There were six members of the family.

— Fayetteville Observer, 16th: "Mr. Claude P. Overby will to-morrow formally announce his candidacy for Mayor of Fayetteville for the term beginning in May."

— All members are requested to attend the meeting of George Washington Council No. 67, Jr,. O. U. A. M. to-night, as business of importance is to be transacted.

— Peter Dancey, Colored, said to be a cousin of John C. Dancey, formerly collector of customs at this port, was hanged in Richmond yesterday for killing another negro in a fight.

— Owing to the increased interest and attendance, the service at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held at 8 o'clock to-night instead of in the afternoon as previously announced.

— The cotton market was a trifle off yesterday, New York spot having been reported quiet at 8:15. The local market remained unchanged at 7½c. Receipts 330 bales, against 404 same day last season.

— Health Officer Shepard has been reinstated in his position by the Sanitary Committee of the Board of Aldermen. The suspended judgment in the Mayor's court will probably come up later.

— The case against Mary Murphy, the colored woman charged with concealing the presence of smallpox on her premises near Fourth and Church streets, was continued again yesterday and will be heard Saturday.

— Messrs. Townsend & Turner have completed the plastering in the new armory of the Boys' Brigade and have begun work again on the pavement around the Odd Fellows' building.

— Having paid his fine of $5 and costs imposed upon him a few days ago by Justice Bornemann, Westley Watson, the negro charged with maltreating his sick wife, was released from jail yesterday.

— Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co., are distributing to friends and customers a neat little St. Patrick's Day reminder in the form of Shamrock pins, in green, of course. Hundreds of them appeared on coat lapels on the street yesterday.

— The little son of Mr. Wishart, of Lumberton, was brought to Wilmington yesterday by Dr. J. D. McMillan for treatment for some severe burns in the face and about the eyes by the premature explosion of gun powder about three weeks ago. A slight operation was performed by Dr. W. C. Galloway to whom the lad was brought for special treatment.

— Yesterday's Newbern Journal: "Bishop Robert Strange, of Wilmington, was here yesterday, arriving Tuesday night from Beaufort, and left last night for Elizabeth City. He will visit Edenton and Avoca. While here yesterday, the Bishop conducted the Lenten services in Christ church at 12 o'clock and 4:30 P. M. Both services were quite largely attended. A number of friends warmly greeted him, an admirer presenting him with a mounted photograph of Christ church."

Junior Members Entertained.

Fifty junior members of the Association were most delightfully entertained at a reception given last night by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. The affair was given in the boys' room of the building and the scene was a pretty and inspiring one. The young folks were most hospitably received by the ladies and for two hours they were well entertained. A spread of elegant refreshments was one of the features while a neat little address by Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, pastor of Market Street M. E. church, was another. The room where the exercises took place was tastefully decorated and the refreshments were substantial and appetising.

Cargo for Santiago.

The schooner "Jennie A. Stubbs" cleared yesterday for Santiago, Cuba, with cargo of lumber and hewn cypress cross-ties consigned by Edgar H. Quinby, of New York. The "Stubbs" carries the first cargo ever consigned from Wilmington to Santiago.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

It Pays—To cook with gas.
Carpenter Grocery—N. C. hams.
Hugh MacRae & Co.—We offer.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Crockery—At auction.
For Rent—Comfortable room.

The "Light House" for an oyster roast! Everything new. Electric lights. Cheerful open fires. Last car leaves Wrightsville at 10:30 P. M.; heated, closed cars. The 3 o'clock car from town comes back as far as the Light House at 4:30 P. M. to give you an opportunity to get an oyster roast as well as visit the the ocean.

IN THE LABOR WORLD

Central Union of American Federation Organized in This City Last Night.

AMERICAN RAILWAY CARMEN.

Joint Protective Board for Entire Coast Line System Organized Yesterday Afternoon—Officers and Committees Elected—Notes.

A Central Labor Union under the jurisdiction of the American Federation of Labor was organized in this city last night by representatives of the seven trades organizations in the city including the electrical workers, typographical union, carpenters and joiners, railway carmen, plumbers, pressmen and machinists. The meeting for organization was held in Union Hall, on the fourth floor of the Atlantic National Bank building and the several trades unions were represented by delegations as follows: Electrical Workers, E. C. Yarborough, A. H. Weedon, J. L. Sutton; Typographical Union, J. F. Stanland, J. H. Curtis, G. W. Cameron; Carpenters and Joiners, J. S. Lynch, W. J. Hart, A. H. Chissom; Railway Carmen, J. T. Reynolds, J. G. Smith, F. V. Huggins; Plumbers, J. K. Pinner, H. G. Whitney and J. S. Horton; Pressmen, Zack Lumley, Benj. Phipps, C. H. Holton; Machinists, J. A. Morris, R. C. Orr, A. M. White.

The meeting was addressed by General Organizer James Leonard, of the American Federation of Labor, who has been in the city several weeks, and it was at once decided to form the central organization. The following officers were elected:

President—A. M. White.
Vice President—A. H. Weedon.
Recording Secretary—J. H. Curtis.
Financial Secretary—J. S. Lynch.
Treasurer—J. F. Stanland.
Guide—Z. T. Lumley.
Guardian—J. T. Reynolds.
Board of Trustees—F. V. Huggins, J. G. Smith and G. W. Cameron.
General Label Committee—E. C. Yarborough, J. F. Stanland, H. G. Whitney, W. J. Hart, J. G. Smith, J. A. Morris, Benj. Phipps.
By-Laws Committee—J. A. Morris, E. C. Yarborough, J. H. Curtis.

It was decided to hold regular meetings of the Central Union on the second and fourth Friday nights of each month at 8 o'clock.

A rising vote of thanks for his efforts was given Organizer Leonard upon adjournment of the meeting last night.

The Railway Carmen.

Another important trade union meeting was held here yesterday afternoon. General Organizer B. P. Lewis, of Memphis, Tenn., met representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen from all points on the A. C. L. system for the purpose of organizing what is known as a joint protective board to be composed of the chairmen of each local boards in the jurisdiction named. The following representatives were present at the meeting yesterday: Savannah, Ga., represented by S. W. Thweatt; High Springs, E. M. Ward; Sanford, J. H. Ferguson; Wilmington, J. G. Smith; Rocky Mount, Wm. Womble; Waycross, Ga., J. H. Rainer. The purpose of a Joint Protective Board, with headquarters in Wilmington is to hear matters that may be impossible of settlement by the local boards. The joint protective board will be of the nature of a referee for the various local boards."

The joint protective board was organized yesterday by the election of the following officers:

Chairman—S. W. Thweatt, of Savannah, Ga.
Vice Chairman—W. J. Womble, of Rocky Mount, N. C.
Secretary—F. V. Huggins, of Wilmington.

An appointment was made with the Superintendent of Motive Power of the Atlantic Coast Line for a meeting early in April for the adjustment of certain matters that have been under consideration for some time.

Baraca Class Debate.

The Baraca Class, of the First Baptist church, held its regular debate last night at the residence of Mrs. Byerly, owing to another meeting being held at the First Baptist church. The question debated was: "Resolved: That Heredity Influences the Character More Than Environment." The affirmative side won the question although the contest was one of the closest yet held. The class is getting ready to send about six or eight delegates to the North Carolina Baraca Convention to be held at Raleigh, April 4th-6th, where all of the Baraca men of the State will be together and a most enjoyable time will be afforded all who attend.

Funeral of Mr. McArthur.

In the presence of a large number of friends, impressive funeral services were conducted at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the lodge in Oakdale cemetery over the remains of the late Charles M. McArthur, whose death occurred at Wilson, N. C., Monday afternoon. The services were by Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. B. Cooper, I. M. Bear, S. H. Burtt, J. F. Woodward, Oscar Morris and W. G. Smith.

Funeral of Mrs. Coleman.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Katie Agnes Coleman will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning at St. Thomas' Catholic church. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery. Owing to the death of Mrs. Coleman, who was the wife of one of the most popular members of the organization, the Hibernian Benevolent Society will not attend the regular church services to-day in a body as usual.

BANK OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Work of Reorganization is Progressing. Generous Offer from Raleigh—Resolution of Thanks to All.

The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday afternoon prints a lengthy account of the plans for the reorganization of the Bank of Fayetteville, together with a letter from President Jos. G. Brown, of the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh, stating to Dr. H. W. Lilly, president of the Fayetteville Institution, that if, in the process of reorganization, funds should be needed to carry temporarily any part of the paper of the bank, the Citizens' could probably supply an amount to the extent of a quarter of a million dollars, and would be glad to make a special rate for the same. The account of the Observer, in part, is as follows:

"The work of re-organization of the Bank of Fayetteville, in accordance with the stockholders' meeting yesterday, has already begun in earnest, and, though the officers and additional directors have not yet been selected, good progress has already been made.

"That Dr. H. W. Lilly will be president of the re-organized bank, is assured, as it appears that he is not only the unanimous choice of the present board of directors, but has been and is the choice of the entire community, whose confidence in him is a splendid tribute to the man personally, as well as in a business way.

Col. Chas. W. Broadfoot, with a few introductory and feeling remarks offered the following resolutions, which he had prepared without the suggestion of any one and which were unanimously adopted:

"The stockholders of the Bank of Fayetteville, in special meeting duly called and held in Fayetteville, N. C., March 15, do resolve, that we heartily endorse and approve all that the president and board of directors have done in our behalf during the late trouble; and we hereby tender them, each and all, our thanks and assurances that we are ready, now and here, to stand by them with confidence increased rather than lessened in their business capacity, fidelity and integrity; that we thank State Bank Examiner J. O. Ellington for his manly discharge of an unpleasant duty, that we thank the officers of the National Bank of Fayetteville for many courtesies extended to us and our customers; that we thank Messrs. Grainger and Yates, cashiers respectively of the Murchison and Atlantic National Banks, of Wilmington, for their midnight ride to Fayetteville with proffered aid most politely and cordially tendered; that we are profoundly grateful to the good people of our city and surrounding country for words of confidence, for their patience in bearing temporarily the locking up of their money, for their kindly forbearance of harsh criticism of acts of our officers taken for the general good; that we are determined, now and here, to reorganize and go on, taking again our place, suspended but not forfeited, as a sound bank deserving the support and confidence of all who may trust their money in our keeping."

BASKET BALL TO-NIGHT.

Exhibition Game by Y. M. C. A. Teams That Will Go to Charleston Next Week.

Something interesting in the way of basket ball is promised in an exhibition game of the sport that will be played at the Y. M. C. A. to-night beginning at 8:30 o'clock by the teams that will go on March 24th to Charleston to play for the championship of the South with the Y. M. C. A. team of that city and with the team of the College of Charleston. The game to-night will be refereed by Secretary Dunham and it promises to be closely contested. The team that will play Charleston for the championship is composed as follows: Guards, Von Glahn and E. O. Hunter; centre, C. F. Stronider; forwards, Joe Loughlin and Roger Schulken. College Team—Guards, McGeachy and Dosher; centre, W. G. Smith; forwards, Dr. C. T. Harper and H. E. Boney.

Miss Edith Fulford a Bride.

Numerous friends of Miss Edith Fulford in this city and elsewhere in the State will be interested in the announcement of her marriage, which took place yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock in Portsmouth, Va., at the manse of the Presbyterian church, the groom being Mr. Joe Elliott Stellings, a popular young man of Portsmouth. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Stellings left for Newbern, N. C., where they will spend their honeymoon with friends and relatives. Miss Fulford is most pleasantly remembered here, where she was formerly a trained nurse, making her home at the residence of Capt. Lum Wethers. She is a young woman of fine personality, and is much loved and admired in a wide circle of friends.

Suing Druggists.

Supplementary proceedings were instituted yesterday before the Clerk of the Superior Court by the Powers Taylor Drug Co., of Richmond, Va., to enforce a judgment from Justice Fowler's court against Messrs. Bulluck & Cowan, druggists, who recently sold out their business to Dr. D. W. Bulluck. The judgment is something like $200 and the claim is being resisted by C. D. Weeks Esq., counsel for the defendants. George L. Peschau Esq., represents the Richmond firm. A motion to dismiss the proceedings yesterday afternoon was left open until to-day.

St. Patrick's Day.

This is Saint Patrick's Day. It will be celebrated the world over by loyal Irishmen and their friends in honor of Ireland's patron saint. In Wilmington there will be the wearing of the green and the exchange of pleasantries and friendly greeting. The usual celebration by the Hibernian Benevolent Society, of Wilmington, has been abandoned because of the death of Mrs. Coleman, the beloved wife of one of the members of the society. The annual meeting will take place later.

I. O. O. F. NATAL DAY.

Arrangements Under Way for 86th Anniversary Celebration in This City.

JOINT COMMITTEE NAMED.

Preliminary Meeting Held Last Night. Nature of the Exercises Not Yet Determined Upon—Representation of Several Lodges.

Arrangements are already under way for a fitting celebration of the 86th anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in America, by the four enthusiastic I. O. O. F. lodges in Wilmington, their membership being well up towards a thousand. While the exact nature of the celebration has not yet been decided upon, it will be appropriate and fully up to the high standard set in former years. It will either take place in the elegant new lodge room of the order in the new building at northwest corner of Third and Princess streets, or in some central auditorium of large seating capacity—the nature of the celebration and the requirements for seating capacity being largely dependent upon the location.

The date for the celebration is April 26th and due notice of the programme will be given. The arrangements are being made by a joint committee from the four lodges in the city, of which Mr. E. N. Penny is the chairman and Mr. W. W. Hodges, secretary. A preliminary meeting was held last night and a general decision of the arrangements was had but nothing definite was agreed upon. The committee adjourned subject to call of the chairman. The committees from the lodges are as follows:

Cape Fear Lodge No. 2—M. W. Jacobi, J. W. Fleet, W. W. Hodges.
Orion, No. 67—C. D. Morrill, H. O. Craig, J. H. Swinson.
Wilmington, No. 139—J. T. King, J. F. Littleton, P. H. Murphy.
Hanover, No. 145—E. N. Penny, C. F. Williams, J. F. Whitaker.

SOUTHPORT TELEPHONE LINE.

Company Incorporated—State Experiment Farm—Bank of Lumberton.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Raleigh, N. Cr, March 16.—A charter was issued to-day for the Wilmington and Southport Telephone and Telegraph Company, capital stock $5,000 authorized; incorporators are Dr. D. I. Watson, L. J. Pepper, Richard Dosher, W. B. Cooper and S. F. Craig.

State Chemist B. W. Kilgore and Prof. H. H. Hume returned to-day from a tour of Eastern Carolina with a view to locate the State Experiment farm. They say it will be a week or ten days before the location is settled. They say the truck and berry propects are excellent and that the crops will be at least ten per cent. more than last year.

Judge Purnell names the First National Bank of Lumberton, as a government depository for the Fourth bankruptcy division. J. A. Colvin was sworn in as a deputy marshal at Fayetteville to-day.

ROBESON OUTLAW ARRESTED.

Deputy and Special Officers Made Important Capture Near Lumberton.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Lumberton, N. C., March 15.—Tom Hunt, one of three outlaws, charged with burglary, and who has been in hiding in another State for some time, was arrested this morning by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Barker and Messrs. Will and Oscar Prevatt. The Messrs. Prevatt have been on the lookout for Hunt for some time, and, having located him, they succeeded in arresting him.

As the officers approached the house, the dogs gave the alarm, when Hunt ran out, holding up his hands and begging them not to shoot. Gov. Glenn only recently offered a reward of $100 for the capture of Hunt, and, of course, these gentlemen will receive it.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Several Important Deeds Filed for Record at Court House Yesterday.

W. M. Cumming and wife to C. E. Goodwin, for $512, property on east side of Twelfth, 132 feet south of Dawson street, 66x100 feet in size.

William Butler, to John F. Rulfs, Jr., for $320 property at northeast corner of Miller and Woods streets, 100x160 feet in size.

Marsden Bellamy, Jr., commissioner, to Fannie G. Pritchard, for $150, one acre lot on Wrightsville Sound

Knocked Down by Trolley.

Street car No. 24, in charge of Motorman Darden and Conductor Hardwicke, ran into David Graham, an old colored man, at Front and Dock streets yesterday morning about 9 o'clock and but for the opportune dropping of the fender by the motorman, the old man would doubtless have been ground to death under the wheels. As it was, he was rolled over and over in front of the car several times and finally pitched to one side on the cobble stones. A large crowd, attracted by the accident, thought the old man had been killed, but very soon he regained his feet and hobbled up the street. He was only slightly bruised and suffered a cut on the knee.

Wrightsville Improvements.

Charlotte News: "The large number of Charlotte people who visit Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach in the Summer will be interested to know that the trolley line between the city and the beach is being double-tracked nearly the entire distance and the work will be completed before the season opens. In addition to the new resort hotel which is now going up on the beach, the small hotel on the southern end of the beach is being remodelled and greatly enlarged. A new pavillion of immense proportions will be among the improvements noted at the popular resort this Summer."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. S. A. Schloss is in Raleigh on theatrical business.

— Mr. L. L. Brinson, of Newbern, is a guest at The Orton.

— Mr. Sidney Wilson arrived yesterday from Richmond to spend a few days.

—Mr. John K. Hamblin, of Union, S. C., was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Among yesterday's arrivals was Mr. W. F. English, of Mount Olive.

— Mrs. E. B. Wright, Miss Helen Wright and Mrs. D. W. McNaughton, of Boardman, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Among yesterday's arrivals were Messrs. J. R. Williamson, of Whiteville, and J. C. Williamson, of Florence, S. C.

— Miss Leah R. Weeks and sister, Miss Mary, returned to Southport yesterday after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Craig.

— Friends of Mr. G. J. Boney will regret to know that he found it necessary yesterday to go out to the hospital for treatment of rheumatism.

— Mr. J. W. Fleet, of this city, who is attending the head camp of the Woodmen of the World at Grafton, West Virginia, the jurisdiction including the Carolinas, the Virginias and Maryland, has been elected Head of Escort for the jurisdiction the ensuing year.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

The W. H. Sprunt Annex to the James Walker Memorial Hospital will be completed in a few weeks. Then the old wooden buildings will be removed, the grounds levelled, and the public invited to inspect the work. The annex was built to give more comfortable quarters to colored patients, and at the same time to provide a sun parlor for white convalescents, and rooms for the nurses on the second floor. It will be necessary to furnish this building in each department. The Ministering Circle of King's Daughters have undertaken to equip the sun parlor. The appropriation received from the city and county is only sufficient for running expenses. We make no profit on the pay patients, our rates being less than in other similar institutions, so that we have no funds for new work, and must depend on voluntary contributions.

A lady who has always shown great interest in the Hospital has just given us $500 towards the equipment of the new wards and she suggested to the writer that the offering might appropriately take the form of a memorial to "The Old-time" colored nurses, who so faithfully attended the sick in this community before the days of graduate nurses, and who, though they lacked the scientific training, possessed what no scientific training can bestow, namely: that most excellent gift of love and solicitude for their patients and that unquestioning obedience to the physicians, without which success is impossible, and which has left a very kindly feeling for them in many families in this town.

The gift of $500 with which this fund starts is especially given in memory of one of the nurses referred to, Evelina Farmer. All of them by faithful attention, patience, uncomplaining, untiring devotion to their charges, fulfilled their calling, set a good example to all, and unconsciously sowed the seeds of gratitude which may now, we hope, benefit the sick and afflicted of their own race. If you feel disposed to help, you may be sure that your charity will not be wasted nor misapplied, but will be economically used, and will greatly relieve the poor and helpless, blessing him who gives as well as those who receive.

(Signed), Walter G. MacRae.

Academy Attractions.

The next attraction at the Academy of Music will be the return of Archie L. Shepard's Moving Pictures, with a full list of inauguration day views. The attraction will be here for matinee and night performance next Tuesday. Beginning Monday night week the Edsall Winthrope Co. will play a week's engagement.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

St. John's Lodge No. 1 A. F. & A. M.

Emergent communication this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock for work in the Master's degree.
Visitors cordially invited.
By order of the W. M.
R. C. MERRITT, Secretary.
mar 17 1t

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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 17.

GREAT RAILROAD PROJECT.

There seems to be enthusiasm and great earnestness in the project of Col. F. H. Fries and his associates at Winston-Salem to build a railroad from the Twin City to some point connecting with both the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line in order to secure a route to Charleston. The interest in the great project is at fever heat, as we may infer from the doings in the storm center at Winston-Salem. The dispatches sent out Wednesday night about the great mass meeting there on Wednesday reveal to some extent the plan and purposes of the enterprise.

The project is based upon the purpose to build a connecting link to connect Charleston with the coal fields of Virginia that a great coaling station may be established at that port in anticipation of the immense marine traffic which the completion of the Panama canal will necessarily draw to South Atlantic and Gulf waters. We have years ago anticipated some such movement to Wilmington or Charleston, and the isthmian conal project only makes it a real necessity instead of a thing to be dreamed of. Thousands of steamers will have to pass along the South Atlantic Coast to reach the isthmian waterway, and the only question as to the imperitive need for a coaling station or more is where they shall be located,

We can easily see the point made by Col. Fries in his speech to the Winston-Salem mass meeting when he declared that the proposed "Winston-Salem Southbound Railway" is a movement to "take advantage of the situation" and fulfill his "original plan when he started the work of building the Ronnoke and Southern," which runs from Winston-Salem into Virginia. No doubt strong influences and evident determination is back of the project, and not only are the Winston-Salem people enthusiastic over it, but the various counties through which the road may pass are running over each other with offers to subscribe to the capital stock by the issuance of bonds. Three or four routes for the new road are proposed and the counties along all the routes are dead in earnest to have it come their way. Many of the counties had representatives at the mass meeting making speeches and pledging their counties to vote bonds. Col. Fries told the meeting that the movement has back of it a man who will certainly build it and all that is asked is that $500,000 be raised by subscriptions or bond issues along the route. No doubt that amount will be easily forthcoming and the only matter to decide is which counties will subscribe the most to get the road.

Referring to the proposed road, the Winston-Salem Sentinel says in an editorial:

"Locally, no project has met with such widespread and earnest discussion as has that of the Southbound railroad. The citizen of small means and he with large interests also, each appears to be exhibiting an interest fully in accord with the importance of the traction improvement. The spirit of co-operation among the various towns concerned has already been displayed in a manner that is full of meaning and holds promise of a speedy and thorough fulfillment of the most sanguine hopes of the section to be traversed."

"There can be no reason for dilatory measures now. The Southbound project is logical in its inception, sound in its plans and financial sponsors, happy in what we may call its urgent timeliness, and there is no prophet needed to assure its success and, consequently, the development of the towns along its route. Winston-Salem, we may be permitted to observe, has not been given to patronage of unsound projects. This community bears high repute for saneness and conversation to a degree which has not frequently furnished food for the hypercritical to accuse the Twin-City of "slowness." But her strides, steady and persistent and sound, have placed her in a most enviable position among her sister communities in the Carolinas. And now that the time and opportunities are ripe for the fruitage of the long-looked for betterment of transportation facilities, our citizens will, it appears to be quite certain, rally to the support of this most excellent undertaking."

While all this active movement is going on to give Charleston a connecting link into the coal fields, Wilmington ought to prick up its ears. This port has advantages and possibilities not equalled by any on the South Atlantic coast, and our people should not let slip any opportunity to make it the great port that it should be.

Wilmington is in easy reach of the coal fields already. We have for many years had a railroad line connecting directly at Walnut Cove, N. C., with the same Roanoke & Southern, to connect with which so much ado is being made in behalf of Charleston. Again the Southern Railway is now surveying a line from Marion, N. C., into the Tennessee coal fields, and our people will learn with interest of the possibility if not the probability of a more direct connection from Wilmington into the coal and iron regions. This is by way of the Seaboard Air Line to Lincolnton and thence upward through North Carolina over the Carolina & Northwestern railroad, now running from Chester, S. C., to Collettsville, beyond Lenoir, in Caldwell county.

From Boone, Wautauga county, N. C., a correspondent on the 11th of March writes this to the Charlotte Chronicle:

"It is rumored that the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad will be extended from Collettsville to Butler, Tenn., passing through Wautauga. The people will hail with joy the reality of this move."

This may be Wilmington's opportunity and at least it behooves our people to look into the matter and see if there is anything doing, or to be done, or that can be done. If necessary, Wilmington might find it a splendid stroke of policy to throw its influence towards the building of the long agitated road from this city to Southport, which project has long been based upon the plan to make Southport a great coaling station. That would really mean Wilmington as well.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— No; Mr. J. B. Duke did not get his new $5,000,000 home by saving cigarette coupons.—Baltimore Sun.

—— Pictures of Kuropatkin with heavy whiskers do not seem real after we have heard of so many recent close shaves.—Chattanooga Times.

—— The proposition to place an import tax on coffee will arouse an awful protest from some place except Grand Rapids, Mich.—Washington Post.

—— Alaska threatens to secede on account of the failure of Congress to grant her demands. Alaska should take a lesson in patience from New Mexico.—Washington Post.

—— The Russian government denies that Rojestvensky is coming back. The principle that the tail may as well go with the hide seems to have some vogue; but it may easily be carried to extremes.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

——Mr. Jacob S. Coxey, of Coxey's Amy fame, states that his dreams of 10 years ago are coming true in the political development of to-day. How the poor man must have suffered from the nightmare!—Des Moines News.

—— Perhaps the Fairbanks presidential boomers are making an early start so as to get him thawed out in time for the campaign. He being a millionaire, the "boys" want to be sure that there will be no frost that will freeze the dough in his barrel.—Columbia Record.

—— Dean Babbitt, a negro preacher of Brooklyn, New York, who enjoys more or less prominence in the newspapers of the North, is advising the negroes to leave the South for the North. By all means, let every negro who thinks like Babbitt go and stand not on the ordes of his going. We are quite sure the South could get along in peace and contentment with those who remained.—Chattanooga Times.

TWINKLINGS

— Knicker—"Do you think it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?" Bocker—"Not if they judge him by the taxes he pays."—New York Sun.

— Mifkins: So poor old Skinner has given up the ghost at last. Bifkins: Yes, and it's doughnuts to fudge it's the first thing he ever gave up without getting money for it.—Chicago News.

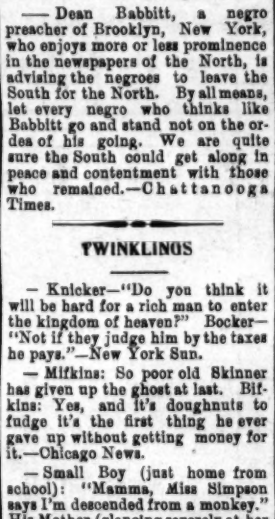
— Small Boy (just home from school): "Mamma, Miss Simpson says I'm descended from a monkey." His Mother (glancing severely at her husband): "Not on my side, darling."—Harper's Weekly.

— "At what age does the average man's usefullness cease?" "That isn't the question," answered the misanthrope. "The main thing is to discover an age at which the average man's usefullness begins."—Washington Star.

— Lawyer—What can I do for you, madam? Excited Client—W'y, my man's ben in jail now fer two weeks. 'Is time's out an' they won't let him go. I want you t' gimme a writ o' "have 'is carcass."—Chicago Journal.

— Wife (during the spat)—My friends warned me that you only wanted to marry me for my money. Husband—With all due respect to your friends, my dear, they evidently overlooked the fact that you had quite a lot of valuable real estate.—Detroit Tribune.

— Pearl—Oh, we had a delightful wedding and received so many silver presents, Ruby—That was nice. And did your father give something in silver, too? Pearl—No; he gave us a bottle of acid to test the other presents with.—Modern Society.



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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— In Charlotte Wednesday afternoon Andy Hall killed George Gaffney with a lump of coal. Both are negroes.

— "I'm going fishing." "Then you'll want some shrimp?" "Shrimp? What's that? I don't think I ever drank any of it."

— The most recent enterprise for Spencer is an ice factory which will be operated by Messrs. M. L. Jackson and John Lambing, of Salisbury. Orders for the necessary machinery were placed this week and the plant will be in operation this season.

— Fayetteville Observer: Mr. N. G. Wade, of Montbrook, Fla., a prominent business man of Jacksonville, Fla., and one of the largest lumber and naval store operators in the South, is here on a visit to his old home. Mr. Wade has probably made more money than any man born in Cumberland county, and his wealth is estimated into the millions.

— A dispatch from Salisbury, on Tuesday, says: Mayor Bowden today received a telegram from Dr. W. H. Goler, president of Livingstone College (colored), that Andrew Carnegie had given a library to this institution. The Associated Press dispatches this morning told of it but gave no amount. Dr. Goler's telegram says it is $12,500, an unconditional endowment. The Livingtone students and faculty—mighty good colored people—are very jubilant.

— A serious wreck was narrowly averted on the Southern Railway about one mile north of Spencer Wednesday night, when a huge rock was discovered on the main line track only a short time before the fast southbound Pullman train No. 29 was due to pass Spencer. Fortunately the obstruction was removed in time to save the train. It is believed that the rock was placed on the track with a view of wrecking one of the fast trains, though there is no clue to the perpetrators of the dastardly deed. Detectives are working on the case.

— At Charlotte, on Wednesday day there was a meeting of a large number of the members of the Sash, Door and Blind Manufacturers' Association of the South. The object of the meeting is said to be for mutual protection and for the members to come in closer connection with each other. The secretaty declined to give out what actually transpired in the meeting. Members were present from North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and most all the Southern States. Wednesday night the association was tendered a banquet by the Manufacturers' Club.

— Charlie Patterson, a thirteen-year old negro boy, was lodged in jail at Kinston Wednesday morning for attempting an outrage on a twelve-year old white schoold girl, near Falling Creek, Monday evening. The girl was returning from school alone and pressing through a dense wood about a quarter of a mile from her home, when the crime was attempted. The youthful brute did not accomplish his fiendish purpose, owing to the desperate courage of the girl, who fought him until her clothing was nearly torn from her body. The girl is of one of the best families of the county, and the affair was kept very quiet until the next day when the negro was tried before a magistrate and confessed his crime. Feeling then began to run high, and the youth of the scoundrel alone saved him from violence at the hands of the people of the community.

Incompatibility.

A man and his wife called at a lawyer's office to talk about a divorce.

"Judge," the wife said, "I had only 75 cents to live on last month."

Whereupon the husband replied agrily: "That's a falsehood; she had $90."

Then the wife said, "Judge, that's as near as we ever agree." And the judge said they might as well get a divorce if that was the best they could do.—Atchison Globe.

Experienced.

"How is the new girl going to do?" asked Mr. Ferguson.

"She hasn't had much experience," said his wife, "but I think she will be all right when she gets broken in."

Then came a loud sound of falling crockery from the kitchen.

"She seems to be making a good start, anyhow," observed Mr. Ferguson encouragingly.—Chicago Tribune.

Encouragement.

Pupil (after repeated attempts)—Oh, I'm sure I never shall be able to!

Professor—Oh, yes, you will. I was just as big a donkey myself at first.—Punch.

Strikes Hidden Rocks.

When your ship of health strikes the hidden rocks of consumption, pneumonia, etc., you are lost if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better, when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Its a sure cure for throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store; price 50c and $1. Trial bottles free.

Old John Harding's Money

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There was a buzz of excitement throughout almost a whole county because old John Harding was dead and a search of the house had failed to reveal his money. He was an old bachelor, living on a farm with his brother Henry and his sister Hannah, and it was known that he had been hoarding for forty years. He died in his bed without giving an alarm and without leaving any message as to where he had hidden his wealth.

I was interested in the case as a distant relative, while scores became interested through curiosity. We had to hire men and arm them with guns to keep the searchers off the farm, and there were many among them who would have kept every dollar of the treasure had they stumbled upon it. Where to search after the house had been fruitlessly gone over was the question, and it was a puzzling one.

Put yourself in old Mr. Harding's place and tell me where you would hide that money. Not in the house, for fear of robbers first and a search later on; not in the barn, because the building was liable to be struck by lightning and burned. He wanted to keep it away from his relatives, and yet he wouldn't want it lost for good and all, nor would he wish it to fall into the hands of strangers. That is simply human nature. It is a paradox, but it is human nature as well. You wouldn't throw it down the well, because the well would be searched. There would be the same objection to sheds and stacks as to the barn.

Both Hannah and Henry felt sure the old man had buried the money. I felt just as certain to the contrary. He had brought it home in installments, and he would not run the risk of opening and closing a cache seven or eight different times. Much of the lost money was drawn ont of bank two weeks previous to his death.

Whenever he went to town, he wore a pair of boots. On all other days he wore a pair of old shoes, which were soft and easy on his feet. He did not change back to his boots as soon as he reached home, but only after he had returned from walking about the farm; hence it might be inferred that he had to pass over bad ground.

The woman brought me his boots just as he had pulled them off for the last time. There was dried mud on them. It could not be mud from the highway, because when he went to town last the roads were dusty. The sole of the right boot was considerably worn, and in a crevice I found a little sand. Again, on that same boot, sticking to the mud, were several blades of grass. She brought me the suit of clothes he had worn that day and for three or four days subsequently, and I found cockles and burs on the trousers and bits of rotten wood in one of the coat pockets.

To the west of the house and half a mile away was the forest. To reach it he had to pass through the orchard. Between the orchard and the forest was a creek. On the east side of it, where, I judged, he would naturally cross, was a bed of sand. On the other side was a muddy spot, but with a log to walk on. The forest covered eighty acres of ground, and but little of it had ever been cleared of underbrush.

In going from the house through the orchard and across the creek and back I got plenty of cockles and burs on my clothes, and had I made a misstep at the log I should have fallen into the mud and water. Granted that the old man had hidden his money in the woods, what particular spot should I look for? The brother had not happened to see him go beyond the orchard, but on one occasion, when he had need of a certain tool and went to the shed to find it, it was missing. Two hours later it had been restored. It was a mallet that he wanted.

Going on the theory that the old man had used the mallet, I went to the shed and looked at all the tools. Most of them were rusty with the dampness. There was rust on a certain auger and on a certain chisel, but it was fresh rust. The point of the auger also retained some bits of the last wood it had been bored into. These bits I was assured by several persons had a beechy taste. Therefore I reasoned that the auger had been bored into a beech tree. I had no doubt that he had used mallet, chisel and auger to make a hiding place for his money.

The first move was to go through the forest in search of what might be called eligible beech trees. I marked off twenty within ten minutes' walk of the creek and then began a close inspection of each one. I did not look at tops or trunks, but on the ground. There were plenty of brush and limbs and dead leaves, but at the end of two days' steady search I found chips and splinters in pawing around and then knew that the quest was ended.

Never did a man hide his money in a safer place or with more skillful hands. The tree was a double one for the first four feet from the ground. Where the two came together was a decayed spot. It wasn't larger than a man's fist when Harding discovered it, and funguses had taken root and were thriving. Everything looked so perfectly natural that I was a good hour getting at the keyhole of the treasure box. Had I not found sure evidences of his work in a few chips and splinters the tree would have been put down on the list of failures. He did not intend to leave those evidences behind him. As fast as he cut out the wood he placed it aside, and as he crossed the creek on his way home he threw the chips into the water, as I afterward ascertained.

Well, I have nothing more to tell. The money was found and divided according to law. M. QUAD.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, March 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Sales at 51¼c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market steady at $3.87½ per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.45; crude turpentine steady at $2.25@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	4
Rosin	947
Tar	195
Crude turpentine	60

Receipts same day last year—38 casks spirits turpentine, 1,410 barrels rosin, 147 barrels tar, 60 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 7¼c for middling. Same day last year, market dull at 15½c for middling.

Receipts—380 bales; same day last year, 404.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, new, 12@12½c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, cail, 10@11c.

EGGS—Dull at 13@15c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 15@35c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 13c for live; 18@20c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 6@7c net.

PEAS—White, $1.75@1.85; clay, $1.10@1.15.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60@75c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Money on call strong at 3½@4 per cent.; closing bid 3½ per ct, offered at 3¾; time loans steady; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3 per cent.; six months 3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3¾@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange was quoted weak, with actual business in bankers' bills 486.45@486.50 for demand and at 484.45@484.55 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 485¼ and 487¾. Commercial bills 484¼@484½. Bar silver 58. Mexican dollars 45. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 3's, registered, 104¼; do. coupon, 104¼; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 132½; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 133½; U. S. 4's, old; registered, 104½; do. coupon, 105¾, American Tobacco 4's cert., 74½; American Tobacco 6's cert., 117¾; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 101; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 103¾; Seaboard Air Line 4's 90½; Southern Railway 5's, 119½; Stocks: Atlantic Coast Line 143. Baltimore & Ohio preferred 97; Chesapeake & Ohio 59½; Louisville & Nashville 143¼; Manhattan L 171¾; New York Central 163½; Reading 96¼; do. 1st pref'd, 93¾; do. 2nd pref'd 91¼; Southern Railway 35¾; do. pref'd 99; Amalgamated Copper 70¾; People's Gas 113¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 91; U. S. Leather 12; U. S. Leather preferred, 105¾; Western Union 94¼; U. S. Steel 36; do. preferred 96¾; Mexican Central 25¼; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 34⅝; sales — shares; do. preferred, 106½; sales — shares. Standard Oil 616.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18¼; do. preferred, unquoted.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine steady at 55@55½.

CHARLESTON, March 16.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, March 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 52½c; receipts 112 casks; sales 73 casks; shipments 280 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 373 barrels; sales 733 barrels; shipments 2,886 barrels: A, B, C, $3 80; D, $3 85; E, $3 90; F, $3 95; G, $3 02½; H, $3 30; I, $3 50; K, $4 05; M, $4 50; N, $4 75; W G, $5 00; W W $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The cotton market was less active but showed continued nervousness with fluctuations irregular and rapid although in a comparatively narrow range. Closing prices showed a partial decline of seven points. The opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 9 points. Liverpool showed weakness early but later rallied. A private cable explained the early weakness by saying that prices were influenced by larger offerings of actual cotton. There was heavy selling here during the early trading and after the call the market gradually slipped off. Bull interests seem to have buying orders on a scale down, but New Orleans was selling and there was heavy realizing by recent buyers. Around midday the market reached a net de line of ten to eleven points on active months under this pressure, but offerings became active at the decline, and in the later trading there was an irregular recovery of several points with late months showing relative firmness. The close was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of seven points. Sales of futures were reported at 350,000 bales.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Cotton was quiet at 8.15c; net receipts 50 bales; gross receipts 681 bales; stock 69,686 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and five points lower; middling uplands 8.15c; middling gulf 8.40c; sales 2,100 bales.

Futures opened steady: March 7.70, April 7.74, May 7.79, June 7.75, July 7.78, August 7.77, September 7.79, October 7.83, November 7.85 bid, December 7.88, January 7.93 bid.

Cotton futures market closed steady: March 7.64, April 7.70, May 7.74, June 7.71, July 7.71, August 7.75, September 7.75, October 7.79, November 7.83, December 7.87, January 7.90.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 21,847 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,668 bales; exports to France 3,883 bales; exports to the Continent 1,870 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 658,819 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 123,232 bales; exports to Great Britain 36,555 bales; exports to France 21,061 bales; exports to Continent 47,738 bales; exports to Japan 6,728 bales; exports to Mexico 1,535 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 7,457,038 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,743,379 bales; exports to France 821,876 bales; exports to the Continent 2,375,227 bales; exports to Japan 147,128 bales; exports to Mexico 26,470 bales.

March 16.—Galveston, easy at 7¾c, net receipts 5,137 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8c, net receipts 1,650 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.15c, net receipts 840 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7½, net receipts 330 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8.40, net receipts 49 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7 15-16c, net receipts 2,781 bales; New Orleans, easier at 7 11-16, net receipts 10,199 bales; Mobile, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 1,189 bales; Memphis, quiet at 7 11-16c, net receipts 1,142 bales; Augusta, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 881 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 123 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Flour was dull. Rye flour quiet. Wheat—Spot barely steady; No. 2 red $1 17¾ f. o. b. afloat. Options ¼@⅜c net higher: May closed $1 11¾; July closed 96⅜c; September closed 89¼c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 58¼c at elevator. Options closed partly ⅜c net lower: May closed 55c; July closed 55⅛c. Oats—Spot steady; mixed, 37½@38¾. Pork steady. Butter firm; creamery, 20@27c; State dairy 19@25c. Tallow dull. Cheese firm; State, full cream, small colored and white 13¾@14c. Eggs unsettled; nearby selected 18¼c; Southerns 15@16¼c. Lard firm; Western steam $7 35, refined firm; continent $7 45c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 4¼c; centrifugal, 96 test 4¾c; molasses sugar 4c; refined quiet. Potatoes steady; Long Island, per 180 lbs, $1 50@2 00; State and Western $1 15@1 35; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 00. Cabbages steady; domestic, per ton, $10 00@15 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 10@14c. Peanuts firm; fancy handpicked 5¼@5⅝; other domestic grades 3¾@4¾. Molasses steady. Rice quiet. Cotton seed oil was moderately active and barely steady: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 18@18½c; prime summer yellow 34¼c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 28@28½c; prime winter yellow 28¼@29c.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Mild weather in the Southwest was an incentive for continued general selling of wheat today by pit traders. At the close July wheat was off ½@¾c. May is up ¼c. Corn is down ½@⅝. Oats show a loss of ¼c. Provisions are practically unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Cash prices: Flour easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 08@1 12; No. 3 do. $1 02@$1 11; No. 2 red $1 13¾@1 15¾. Corn—No. 2 48¼c; No. 2 yellow 48¾c. Oats—No. 2 32¼c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. white 31½@33c. Rye—No. 2 78½c. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 70@12 75. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 97@7 00. Short rib sides, loose, $6 75@7 00. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 87@7 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 23.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 13¾@1 13¾, 1 13¾, 1 13¾, 1 13¾; July 91¾@91¾, 93¾, 91¾, 91¾c; September 85¾@85¾, 86¾, 85¾@85¾, 85¾@86c. Corn—May 49¼@49¾, 49½@49¾, 49¾, 49¾; July 49¾@49¾, 49¾, 49¾, 49¾@49¾; September 49¼, 49¾, 49¼, 49¾. Oats—May 32@32½, 33¼, 31¾, 31¾; July 31¼, 31¾, 31¼, 31¼; September 29¾, 29¾, 29¾, 29¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $12 82, 12 82, 12 77, 12 77; July $12 95, 13 00, 12 92, 12 92. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 10, 7 15, 7 10, 7 12; July, $7 25, 7 27, 7 25, 7 27. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $6 92, 6 95, 6 92, 6 92; July $7 07, 7 12, 7 07, 7 10.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7¾; mild dull. Cordova 10@13. Futures steady; spot month 15 points higher; other positions 10 points higher.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—Cotton: Spot, good business done; prices five points lower; American middling fair 4.78d; good middling 4.46d; middling 4.34d; low middling 4.20d; good ordinary 4.05d; ordinary 3.90d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,200 bales American. Receipts 10,000 bales, including 7,200 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady; American middling (g o c): March 4.18d; March and April 4.18d; April and May 4.19d; May and June 4.21d; June and July 4.23d; July and August 4.23d; August and September 4.24d; September and October 4.25d; October and November 4.25d; November and December 4.26d; December and January 4.26d; January and February 4.27d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Duplin, Creel, Bannerman's Bridge, T D Love.

Stmr E A Hawes, Robeson, Fayetteville, J A Munn.

CLEARED.

Steamer Duplin, Creel, Chinquepin, T D Love.

Stmr E A Hawes, Robeson, Fayetteville, J A Munn.

Schr Jennie A Stubbs, Geo W Murphy, Santiago de Cuba, C D Mafflit.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

SANTIAGO—Schr Jennie A Stubbs, 6,575 feet lumber and 3,720 bawn cypress cross-ties, valued at $1,318; cargo by Edgar H Quinby, of New York; vessel by C D Mafflit.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., March 17.

SCHOONERS.

James Pierce, 1,520 tons, Vail, C D Mafflit.

Allen Green, 385 tons, Rogers, C D Mafflit.

Samuel B Hubbard, 333 tons, Mehaffey, C D Mafflit.

Waccamaw, 408 tons, Demmings, C D Mafflit.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—34 bales cotton, 65 barrels tar, 16 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—72 bales cotton, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—180 bales cotton, 32 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar, 25 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—3 casks spirits turpentine, 34 barrels rosin, 16 barrels tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—43 bales cotton, 13 barrels rosin, 12 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—1 cask spirits turpentine, 18 barrels rosin.

Steamer Duplin—1 bale cotton, 34 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—15 barrels rosin.

Schooner Missouri—40 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

Raft—195 barrels rosin.

Raft—640 barrels rosin.

Total—330 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 947 barrels rosin, 195 barrels tar, 60 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in the case of Fannie J. Sadgwar, administratrix of Sophia A. Price deceased, vs Fred C. Sadgwar, et. al, the undersigned commissioner appointed by said decree, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1905, at 12 o'clock M., the following described land, situate in Cape Fear township, New Hanover county:

1st. A one-half undivided interest in that tract of land beginning at a spruce Pine, Jerry Fowville's third corner in the old line in a clay, runs thence with Samuel Davis' line E. 66 deg. 30 min. E. 51 chains to a dead pine stump; thence with another of said Davis' lines S. 66 deg. 30 min. E. 13 chains and 70 links to a large poplar on the N. edge of the Dram Pond Branch, one chain above where said branch enters into Broad Water Branch, thence down said branch N. 81 deg. 30 min. E. 8 chains and 75 links to a dead pine; thence N. 34 deg. W. 3 chains and 85 links to a small Black Gum; thence N. 68 deg. W. 2 chains to a large sweet Gum on the N. edge of the Spring Branch; thence N. 68 deg. W. 1 chain 50 links to a small sweet Gum; thence S. 18 deg. 30 min. W. 4 chains to a large poplar; thence S. 7 deg. East 9 chains and 70 links to a sweet Gum; thence S. 50 deg. E. 4 chains and 75 links to a long straw pine; thence N. 56 deg. 30 min. E. 3 chains and 14 links to a White Oak; thence N. 17 deg. E. 80 links to a Poplar; thence N. 14 deg. W. 2 chains and 60 links to a large forked long straw pine; thence N. 18 deg. 30 min. E. 6 chains and 15 links to two small Dog wood trees; thence N. 31 deg. W. 3 chains to a long straw pine; thence N. 16 deg. 45 min. E. 4 chains and 15 links to a spruce pine; thence S. 66 deg. 30 min. E. 5 chains and 15 links to a large hollow Poplar; thence S. 17 deg. E. 50 links to a stake; thence W. 4 chains to the beginning, containing about 25 acres more or less

And A one-half undivided interest in that tract of land beginning at a large Gum Tree, high water mark of Delhomme's branch, near where it empties into Broad Water branch, and runs up thence N. 34½ deg. E. 3 chains and 75 links to a pine; thence N. 50½ deg. E. 6 chains and 50 links to a pine; thence S. 7 deg. E. 8 chains and 20 links to a pine; thence S. 84½ deg. E. 2 chains and 75 links to a pine; thence S. 45¾ deg. E. 3 chains and 9 links to a pine; thence S. 10¼ deg. E. 7 chains and 3 links to a pine on the S. 45¾ deg. E. 7 chains and 50 links to a small sweet gum tree on the N. side of said branch, nearly in front of the "silly better" road; thence with said road 50 links; thence N. 44¾ deg. W. 7 chains and 85 links to a pine on the S. 10 deg. W. two chains and 10 links; thence N. 10 deg. W. 2 chains and 50 links to a pine on the S. 44¾ deg. W. 3 chains and 75 links to a stake on the N. 6 deg. W. 5 chains and 15 links to a Gum tree; thence on the N. 83¼ deg. W. 6 chains to a Dog wood tree on Broad Water branch; thence down said branch with its various meanders to the beginning. Containing 25 acres more or less

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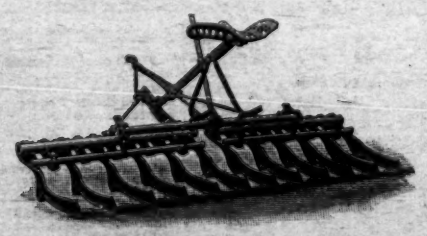

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HIS LITTLE MASCOT

By BELLE MANIATES

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Bradley paused at the door of Miss Kane's studio, listened a moment to the sound of smoothly struck chords and then gave an apologetic knock. The music ceased and the door was opened by Miss Kane, teacher of vocal music.

"You know better," she said forbiddingly.

"Yes," he said with penitent air, "but I am not a visitor. I came on professional business, really," and walked on into the room."

"Do you want your voice tried?" she asked sarcastically.

"No, I don't want you to score another point against me, but I called to see you in regard to your pupil, the little girl Patti. I understand she is to make her debut at the charity concert tomorrow night. I want to write her up."

"Oh!" she exclaimed, interested, but still skeptical. "And since when did the city editor himself take to writing 'In a Minor Strain' column?"

"Miss Fleming is ill," he replied, "and we are all helping her out. I volunteered to take this part of her work. I thought, Miss Kane," he said earnestly, "that it would be to your advantage and to that of the child to get satisfactory press notices, and I will write whatever you wish."

"Thank you very much, Mr. Bradley," she replied, her little air of reserve melting for the once. "I shall be very glad if you will do so."

"Now, what kind of a voice has she?"

"High soprano. Her voice is perfectly placed. When I discovered her pure tones—I heard her first in a school—I had her come to the studio. I sounded low C on the piano and asked her to sing the note. She did, with perfect attack and pitch. Then she went on with the successive tones and half tones until we came to B flat. I began to tremble, for there begins the middle register, the stumbling block of nearly all singers, but the right quality came into her voice—that imperceptible shading of the chest tones as they emerge into the smooth waters of the soprano's realm. The tones kept coming clearly, sweetly and with a silvery ring until I didn't dare take her any farther."

"I suppose it's all right," said Bradley, with a perplexed sigh, "but it's all Greek to me. If her voice was perfect by nature why are you giving her lessons?"

"I have made her voice stronger and more flexible; have taught her phrasing and enunciation."

"I think you had better write a little sketch of her personality and voice and I will publish it."

There came a light rap at the door, and a slender little wisp of a girl with big brown eyes and golden hair came into the studio.

"This, Mr. Bradley, is my little song bird, Louise Harvey."

Bradley was very fond of children. He shook hands with the little songstress and, turning to Miss Kane, said: "Is it possible that this microscopic child can sing so gloriously as I have heard it intimated?"

The little girl drew herself up with a suspicion of hauteur.

"I am in my teens!" she protested.

"That does give one an old feeling," he said, with a laugh. "I haven't forgotten the first day I could say so proudly, 'I am in my teens.'"

"Have you been out of them long?" Miss Kane could not forbear asking.

The bright eyes of Louise sparkled with appreciative mirth.

"Miss Louise, you mustn't make fun of me. I have the power to make or mar public personages. I am going to put your picture in the paper tonight, and the day after tomorrow I shall tell how well you can sing."

"Thank you," said the little girl simply. "But I must go now. I came to return this music, Miss Kane."

"I will go with you," said Bradley. "We will stop at the florist's and order some flowers for you to carry at the concert."

Louise flushed with pleasure as she left the room in company with Bradley.

"I like Miss Kane. She is lovely to me," she confided when they were out on the street.

"I wish she would be lovely to me," he said ruefully.

"Is she mad at you?" asked Louise ingenuously.

"Yes, music mad. But unfortunately I can only appreciate music from a ragtime standpoint, so I can't creep into the circle of devotees Miss Kane draws around herself."

"Why don't you jump in?" asked Louise.

He stopped abruptly and looked reflectively at her.

"That's a very good idea, Miss Louise. Thank you."

When they reached the florist's and Louise had selected the roses he was to send to her on the morrow, Bradley said:

"Now I will make my first jump and send Miss Kane some roses too."

"Send her violets," replied the little girl earnestly. "They are her favorite flower."

"Thank you again, Miss Louise. You are certainly my mascot."

He ordered a huge bunch of violets to be sent to Miss Kane on the evening following and left his card to accompany them.

When Beryl Kane was dressing for the concert a box from the florist's was brought to her. A little thrill of pleasure went through her as she lifted the cover and saw the violets; another when she read the card.

"I thought," she mused, "that he held me in disdain as 'one of that musical crowd' who are so uninteresting to him. He addresses such curt, cynical remarks to me when we meet. I always begin to get a retort ready as soon as I see him approach. I wonder how he came to send me these! I suppose because he was giving Lou some."

She sighed as she finished her toilet. Her carriage stopped at the home of her little pupil, and Louise, radiant with excitement and pleasure, came out, carrying her roses.

"You got the violets Mr. Bradley sent you, didn't you?" asked the young girl as she took her seat beside Miss Kane. "I must tell you what he said about you. He said you were music mad and you didn't care for him because he wasn't musical and he could never get into your circle, and I told him to jump in."

Beryl listened to this voluble confidence with the feeling that she ought to check or reprove the little tale bearer, but she didn't. She felt still another little thrill and thought what a lovely night it was. If only Louise would do her best!

Louise did. She came out upon the stage clad in the white robes of a chorister, her fair childish face brilliant with excitement and expectancy. Her eager, searching eyes caught sight of Bradley in one of the boxes. She flushed happily while the dimples came and went. The prelude to her number ended, Bradley, the crowd, every one, vanished from her thoughts. She forgot herself in the grand music of the "Ave Maria," and she surpassed in its delivery the highest hopes of her teacher.

Then followed a wild ecstasy of applause from an enthusiastic audience, and she reappeared, this time attired in a pretty white frock. She sang "Home, Sweet Home," into the hearts of her hearers. Applause, calls, recalls and flowers followed.

When the excitement had subsided and the next number was on Bradley found his way behind the scenes.

"Miss Louise," he said, bowing low to the happy little girl, "when you are a great prima donna don't forget that I gave you your first flowers."

"May I thank you for my violets?" said a soft voice behind him.

He turned, and his face glowed with pleasure when he saw Miss Kane was carrying his flowers. He noted how happy she looked, but attributed the fact to the success her pupil had scored.

"Even I know that Miss Louise made a hit. Every one is wild over her singing, and they say she is the perfect exponent of your teaching."

"Then my ambition is satisfied musically," she replied. "I wanted to be recognized as a successful teacher."

"And have you any ambitions other than music?"

"Why, of course," she laughed. "Music is only a part of my life."

"Every one has an aim," said Louise precociously. "Mine is to be a prima donna, Miss Kane's to be a teacher. What is yours, Mr. Bradley?"

"To make a scoop," replied Beryl.

"That is only a 'part of my life,'" he quoted. "I have another, a great aim and hope."

"What is it?" asked Louise artlessly.

"I am going to tell Miss Kane some time if she will let me. Then I will tell you."

Some one called Louise away just then.

"May I come and see you soon—tomorrow night—Miss Kane?" he asked in vibrant voice.

"Yes," she replied softly, screening her face with the violets.

"I always thought you were bored by people who were not musical," he said.

"And I always thought," she retorted, "that you were bored by people who were musical."

"You were mistaken."

"So were you."

Louise ran to them.

"Our carriage is here, Miss Kane. Are we going home now?"

"Certainly not," replied Bradley quickly. "Prima donnas always have a supper after they sing. I am going to take you to one now, and Miss Kane will chaperon us."

"Oh, oh!" cried Lou ecstatically. "This is my loveliest night!"

"And mine," declared Bradley emphatically.

"And mine," echoed Beryl softly.

Robins.

American robins build plaster and dry grass nests in the crotches of trees, while the little English bird of the same name, only about half as big as its cousin in America, makes a soft moss nest on the ground. Its breast is a yellow, red or scarlet, much brighter than the American bird, and it sings even more sweetly, but it is of small value as an insect destroyer. The American robin, on the other hand, has a much duller, quieter coat, a more extended vocabulary, sounding many distinct notes of warning, fear, joy, etc., but not in so sweet a song, and is an inveterate worm and insect hunter. With only occasional lapses into vegetarianism, at strawberry and cherry ripe time, the American robin is really one of the most industrious allies the farmer can have.

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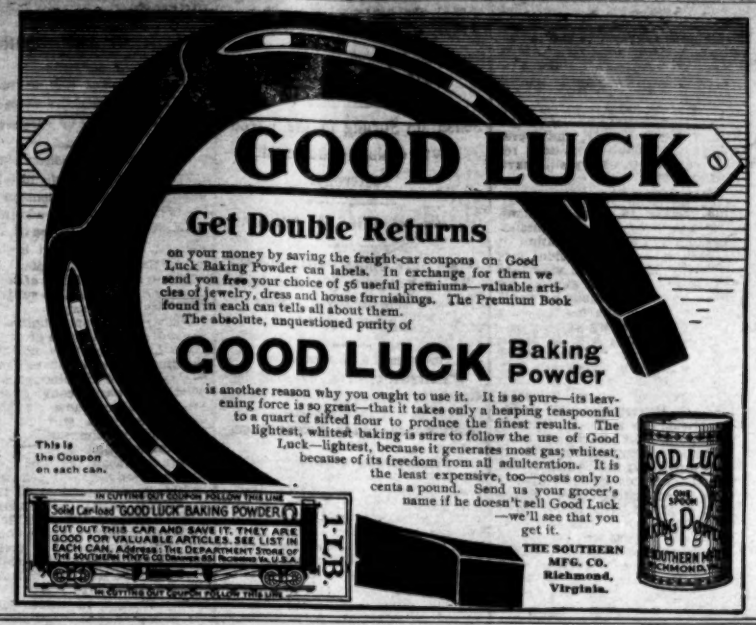
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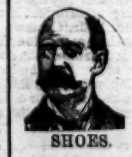

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Rate of one fare plus $5 00 for the round trip, including meals and berth while on steamer will apply. Tickets will be sold for trains on March 29th, good leaving Port Tampa on steamer the night of March 30th, final limit to leave Havana April 15th, allowing passengers until April 19th to return to destination.

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EASTBOUND.

Station.	No. 3.	No. 5.
Lv Goldsboro	3 45 p m	8 00 a m
Lv La Grange	4 16 p m	8 28 a m
Lv Kinston	4 40 p m	8 52 a m
Lv Dover	5 02 p m	9 14 a m
Lv Core	5 16 p m	9 27 a m
Lv Tuscarora	5 26 p m	9 37 a m
Ar Newbern	5 45 p m	10 00 a m

Station	No. 7 (accom)
Lv New Bern	5 58 p m
Lv Riverdale	6 18 p m
Lv Havelock	6 34 p m
Lv Newport	6 50 p m
Ar Morehead City	7 12 p m

WESTBOUND.

Station	No. 4	No. 8 (Accom)
Lv Morehead City	7 40 a m	3 30 a m
Lv Newport	8 11 a m	6 34 a m
Lv Havelock	8 27 a m	7 02 a m
Lv Riverdale	8 43 a m	7 30 a m
Ar New Bern	9 00 a m	8 05 a m

Station	No. 6
Lv New Bern	9 15 a m
Lv Tuscarora	9 37 a m
Lv Core	9 49 a m
Lv Dover	10 03 a m
Lv Kinston	10 27 a m
Lv LaGrange	10 51 a m
Ar Goldsboro	11 20 a m

Trains 3, 4, 5 and 6 run daily.
Trains 7 and 8 run daily except Sunday.
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At Goldsboro: With Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line.
At Kinston and New Bern: With Atlantic Coast Line.

R. P. FOSTER, General Manager, Goldsboro, N. C.
E. A. NIEL, Traffic Manager,
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To The Beach and Wrightsville

Suburban and City Schedule.

In Effect January 12, 1905.

Suburban Schedule (daily except Sunday.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave the Beach
4.30 A. M	8.00 A. M.
10.00 A. M.	12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.
Leave Wrightsville	
6.10 P. M.	6.45 P. M.
7.30 " "	8.15 " "
9.00 " "	9.30 " "
10.00 " "	10.30 " "

Extra Cars on Sundays.

Note: Trains leaving Front and Princess Sts. at 6.10, 7.30, 9.00 and 10.00 P. M. will go over to Beach on request.

The 5 o'clock car comes back to The "Light house" at 4.30 P. M., thus giving one an opportunity to enjoy an oyster roast as well as visit the ocean.

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Regular City Cars.

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Hospital and Cemetery Cars.
(Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Cemetery
9.00 A. M.	9.30 A. M.
3.10 P. M.	3.30 P. M.
4.50 P. M.	5.00 P. M.

Delgado and Golf Link Car (Without change.)
Daily except Sunday

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Golf Links.
3.40 P. M.	4.00 P. M.
5.25 " "	5.40 " "

S. A. L. Depot Car (Without change).

Leave Front and Princess	Leave A. C. L. Depot
10.00 A. M.	10.10 A. M.
5.40 P. M.	6.00 P. M.

S. A. L. Car (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave S. A. L. Depot
12.35 P. M.	12.45 P. M.
5.35 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
11.15 P. M.	11.30 P. M.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.
Daily except Sunday.

Leave 9th and Orange	Leave the Beach
3.00 P. M.	4.30 P. M.

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Schedule In Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	5 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 08 p m	8 02 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 58 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 05 p m	3 20 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 57 a m
Ar Washington	11 30 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	10 05 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 32 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	1 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 50 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 51 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 05 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 10 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 10 p m
Ar Wilson	11 23 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 15 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	2 30 p m	6 40 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	1 50 a m	10 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 40 a m	1 45 p m	
Ar Tampa	7 30 p m	10 35 p m	

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	8 14 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 50 p m	8 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 3 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 5 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 35 p m	Ar 12 30 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

*Except Sunday.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 66	No. 34
Leave Wilmington	4 35 a m	2 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	6 50 a m	10 50 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 40 p m
" Raleigh	11 46 a m	1 25 a m
" Norlina	1 40 p m	3 54 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 58 p m	6 23 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	9 50 a m
" Baltimore	11 17 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 15 a m
" Baltimore	5 17 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	7 20 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	11 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	1 30 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	4 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	6 15 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	8 30 a m	6 10 p m
" Hamlet	9 40 a m	7 50 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.

		No. 41
Leave Wilmington		3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 10 p m
Arrive Athens		6 05 a m
Arrive Atlanta		7 40 p m
NORTHBOUND	No. 38	
Leave Atlanta	8 00 p m	
" Athens	11 25 p m	
" Hamlet	5 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
Ar Columbia	12 15 a m
Ar Savannah	4 40 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 55 a m
Arrive Tampa	6 35 p m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 68
Leave Tampa	9 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	9 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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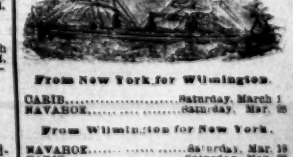

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The Morning Star

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 17.

CASTRO THREATENS WAR WITH UNITED STATES.

Plans for Sending 30,000 Venezuelan Troops Against New Orleans to Curb the Power of Uncle Sam.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacoa, March 15.—According to trustworthy advices received here the situation in Venezuela is unchanged, both internally and as to foreign affairs, except that the relations between President Castro and the various legations at Caracas are a little more strained. Castro has now ceased to talk with the European reporters concerning the Venezuelan indebtedness. President Castro maintains his belligerent attitude and continues to make military preparations. It is said that the majority of the Venezuelans look upon the possibility of foreign intervention either with indifference or favorably, as present internal conditions are causing much unrest.

Neighboring South American republics also seem to regard the idea of intervention without resentment.

Brazilian newspapers are openly advocating a settlement of affairs in Venezuela by the United States, and the South American press generally is less caustic in its criticisms of American interference in the affairs of the South American republics.

Castro's attitude is reflected in a pamphlet just issued through one of his advisers, Col. Juan Bautista Lamode, in which plans for sending 30,000 Venezuelans against New Orleans are disclosed. The pamphlet urges the public to avenge the insults offered Venezuela by the Americans and declares that the invasion of the Mississippi valley would be the most effective means of curbing the power of the United States.

GERMANY'S DOUBLE DEALING.

Herr Babel, Socialist Leader, Acrimoniously Shows Up Duplicity of Government—Reply by Chancellor.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, March 16.—Chancellor von Buelow and Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, engaged in a bitter discussion in the Reichstag to-day over Germany's Russian policy. The Chancellor's usual composure and good humor in debate was disturbed by the almost savage criticism of the Socialist chief, who said that Germany's creeping before Russia had humiliated her in the eyes of the world and had brought her to shame. He held von Buelow responsible for Prussia's "engaging in the nasty work of catching fugitives from Russian military service and turning them over to agents of the autocrat, and for forcing men and women whose only offence was love of liberty to leave Prussian territory at the instance of Russian spies."

Herr Bobel laughed scornfully at the Chancellor's assertion that the Socialists wanted war with Russia. He had answered such reproaches a dozen times. Were an insurrection to break out in Russian Poland Von Buelow would doubtless send a note to St. Petersburg offering German troops to help in suppressing it.

Herr Babel said it was all very well for the Chancellor to say that the sale of merchant ships to belligerents was no breach of international law, but what of those ten German ships among the 45 transports with the squadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky? They had not been bought by Russia. "Is such participation in the war by German ships with German crews and under the German flag not a violation of neutrality?" Asked Herr Bobel.

As to the German merchant ships in the Russian service the Chancellor said: "According to the emphatic assurances of the Hamburg-American Company, the German transport ships must not accompany the Russian squadron. They may only supply coal in certain neutral harbors. In going to these neutral harbors German ships may not sail in company with Russian warships and must follow another course."

The Chancellor reaffirmed that the Socialist party was seeking to embroil Germany and Russia and it had done everything possible to embroil Great Britain and Russia by poisoning public opinion regarding the North Sea incident. Von Bulow spoke at some length on the danger of the Socialists undermining the situation and said he was convinced that the civilized world some day would unite in a destructive war against the Socialists.

RECKLESS BANKING.

One New York Institution Loans $100,000 to Firm Day Before It Failed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The banks loan hundreds of thousands of dollars to customers without any other security than the good credit of the broker desiring the loan, was the statement made by a witness to-day in the hearing before a referee in bankruptcy in the case of the bankrupt firm of Jacob Berry & Company. Harry R. Carse, assistant cashier of the Hanover National Bank, was the witness who made the statement. In answer to questions, Mr. Carse said the firm of Jacob Berry & Company had a commercial account with the Hanover bank and that the bank made the firm loans from time to time. A loan of $100,000 was made to the firm the day before it failed. These loans, the witness said, were secured by promisory collateral notes. He was asked if the only security was the equity of the firm and replied no, that the security was the good name of the firm dealing with the bank. Jacob Berry & Company, the witness said, had been in business for 40 years and the firm stood very high. Asked what compensation the bank received for the accommodation, the witness replied: "The compensation of the broker's account. The firm had a handsome account with the bank and received no more accommodation than such account entitled it to. The same accommodation was given to other business people in like standing."

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TRIUMPHANT JAPS OCCUPY TIE PASS.

Strong Position Abandoned by Russians and They Are Still in Retreat.

JAPANESE IN HOT PURSUIT.

Czar and Army Officers Resolve to Continue the War—Kuroki Again Defeats Russians at Tie Pass—No Loss from France.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.—The following dispatch has been received by Emperor Nicholas from General Kuropatkin, dated March 15th: "The troops are traversing Tie Pass in good order. I have inspected the fourteenth division of infantry. The men seemed in good spirits. Up to the time of my departure from Tie Pass fighting had not commenced. During my progress northward I saw many troops and trains in good order. I also inspected the regiments recently from Russia who presented an excellent appearance."

A dispatch from the commander-in-chief, dated March 14th, said: "I have received no further reports of fighting after the repulse of the Japanese at Fan river. Individual soldiers and bodies of men separated from their units have been returning to their commands during the previous two days. The train service is partly restored to order, the troops have been provisioned again and are ready for fighting."

The commander-in-chief concluded with saying he had not received exact reports of the number of killed, wounded and missing or of the losses in artillery and trains.

SINGKING CAPTURED.

TOKIO, March 16.—The Japanese occupied Singking March 13th. Singking (or Yenden) is situated about 80 miles almost due east of Mukden. A report received in Tokio March 14th from the Japanese headquarters in the field said: "In the direction of Singking our forces have been dislodging the enemy from Yingpan, eighteen miles east of Fushun, and on March 11th occupied that place."

TIE PASS IN HANDS OF JAPS.

TOKIO, March 16.—The Japanese occupied Tie Pass at midnight March 15th. Details of the occupation have not yet been received at imperial army headquarters. An official bulletin reports an action and that the Japanese are in hot pursuit of the retreating Russians but it does not mention any particulars about the fight.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 16.—A special cable to the Daily News from Tokio says:

"Tie Pass, which was held by about a division of Russian troops, is now in possession of the Japanese. After a slight resistance the Russians evacuated at midnight the strong position they had prepared months ago, setting fire to the railway station and other buildings. The Japanese troops, which had occupied Yinpao and east Fushun, are in hot pursuit of the retreating Muscovites along the Kirin road. It is predicted that the Russians will retreat to Harbin.

"Tokio is preparing a municipal celebration of Japan's victory for Saturday."

EVACUATION IN GOOD ORDER.

SANTOUPU, March 16.—The Russian detachments at Tie Pass were on March 15, ordered to evacuate their positions, and during the night retired in exemplary order, covering their rear. There had been fighting throughout the day. Before the withdrawal of the Russian forces the military settlement and such of the stores of fuel and forage as could not be removed were set on fire and destroyed. The fighting on March 14, and 15, fell to the second Siberian corps.

The Kineshemo and Voyazemsky Red Cross nurses, including two sisters of charity, attended the wounded at the various positions, retiring just as the advance rear guard passed.

BANDITS AND CHINESE TROOPS.

HARBIN, March 16.—Large numbers of Chinese bandits and Chinese troops are reported to be west of Tsitsihar, and an attack on the railway is apprehended. In spite of the heavy withdrawals of convalescents and those who have been sent westward, this city is being filled to overflowing with wounded soldiers from Mukden. A number of Chinese suspects have been arrested here.

RUSSIAN ARMY BATTERED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—1:50 A. M.—With the evacuation of Tie Pass Wednesday night the Russian army abandoned the last stronghold in Southern Manchuria and definitely turned over the section to the Japanese for the campaign of 1905. At least no other strategy is possible for General Kuropatkin in view of his scanty supplies of ammunition and stores, the battered condition of his army and the wide enveloping movements which the Japanese have continued almost without a stop since the Russian defeat at Mukden. Nothing has been heard of the part which General Kawamura's army is taking in these operations but Generals Nogi and Kuroki operating in the low hills of Tie Pass gorge were themselves sufficient to turn the shattered Russian army out of the fortifications which had been prepared with a view to being held by the army after it should have been withdrawn from Mukden.

(1:50 A. M.)—The Japanese are evidently doing their utmost to accomplish the envelopment of the Russian army, which all but succeeded at Mukden, but General Kuropatkin with the railway for a line of retreat, probably will be able to keep ahead of his pursuers. A constant succession of delaying rear guard encounters may be expected.

Military men here have but the haziest ideas as to where the next stand will be made. Apparently there are no more fortified positions in readiness and the retirement probably will not stop short of Kirin or Kuanchentzy, on the railway line, and if the Japanese press the pursuit the Russians may retire beyond and up the Sungari river, there to await new levies, the mobilization of which will begin immediately in all Russia. The evacuation of Tie pass involves the loss of the coal mines in that vicinity, which, with the Fushun and Yental mines gone, is a severe blow. The railway shops and Tie pass and more supplies were sacrificed.

A further mobilization has been determined upon, and preparatory orders to quartermasters, etc., are already being issued, but the extent of the mobilization is not known No change in the command of the army in the Far East has yet been gazetted. One high military official told the Associated Press that to remove Gen. Kuropatkin would be "much like trading horses in the middle of the stream" and that it would be better to give Kuropatkin a chance to get what is left of his army out of the claws of the Japanese before committing it to a new commander who necessarily would need a little time to get a grasp on the situation.

MORE FIGHT IN RUSSIANS.

BERLIN, March 16.—The German government has been informed that the Russian Emperor has again put aside all peace suggestions and is unshaken in his resolution to continue the war. All the higher officers of the far eastern army recently joined in a petition to Emperor Nicholas not to consider peace, asking that they be given other opportunities to show the quality of Russian valor, and represented that, although they have retreated, they and the army still have the will to fight.

WAR MONEY HELD BACK.

PARIS, March 16.—The postponement of the proposed new Russian loan continues to occupy attention in official and financial investment circles. The bankers take the view that the loan is not a failure and that an adjustment of the conditions may still be reached. One of the bankers who went to St. Petersburg relates that during a conversation with M. Witte the latter remarked: "We can afford to suffer a defeat in Manchuria but not one in Paris."

This is taken to indicate a strong feeling in St. Petersburg for all possible concessions to maintain Russia's financial position in the French market. The peace movement has gained a strong impetus by the postponement of the loan and this leads to reports that France is adopting discreet means to induce Russia to accept peace. However, authoritative statements are made that France has not taken any action nor has Russia given an indication of willingness to discuss peace.

General Kuropatkin and the remnants of the army which was defeated by the Japanese on the Shakhe and Hun rivers and again around Mukden and Tie pass, are now in the mountains a few miles north of the southern entrance to the pass trying to shake off their pursuers who apparently are not going to repeat the mistake of Liao Yang and allow the Russian army to escape. Kuropatkin has been reinforced by the garrisons of Tie Ling and other northern towns and a few new troops, who were on their way from Russia when the battle of Mukden began. But even with these there seems little hope for him. Through he has 30 or 40 miles of hilly country extending from Tie pass to Fonghaision, which might enable him to hold off the enemy for a time, but once out of the hills he has before him nearly three hundred miles of flat, open country and innumerable rivers and streams to cross. This is what is termed the great valley of the Sangari, but is, in fact, an immense plane, bounded on the east side of high mountains and extending northward into Siberia and westward into Mongolia. Kirin, east of the railway, and Harbin, the most northerly point on the railroad where it branches off to Vladivostok eastward and to Siberia westward, are the entries of this wonderfully rich country, resembling in many respects the northwest territories of Canada. The distance from Tie Pass to Harbin is very little less than 300 miles and except for the first few miles, every acre is under cultivation with supporting herds of cattle, sheep and horses. So far as the commissariat is concerned the Russians need have no fear. Hardly a pound of last year's crop of beans, millet or wheat left the country, the Russians buying it all but storing it at stations along the railway, immense shelters being erected for its reception. They also purchased all the cattle and horses and had Cossacks herding them.

The most important Russian town between Tie Pass and Harbin, with the exception of Kirin, which is not on the railway, is Kwansuling, also spelt Kungchuling. This town is a little over 100 miles north of Tie Pass. Here were gathered great stores of provisions along side of which were erected Red Cross hospitals, the best by far that the Russians had south of Harbin. At all the other stations there was also hospital accommodations, so that if Kuropatkin escapes from Oyama at Tie Pass he has a good country to cross at the most favorable season of the year. Another few weeks and the roads would be impassable. But if he is hard pressed there is not in a defensible position, unless he abandons the railway and seeks safety in the eastern hills.

KUROPATKIN'S SUCCESSOR.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 17.—It is officially announced that Gen. Kuropatkin will be replaced by Gen. Linevitch as commander-in chief of the Manchurian army.

MURDERER PATRICK'S APPEAL.

Man Who Killed Millionaire Rice Gives Farewell to His Family.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 16.—The arguments in the appeal of Albert T. Patrick from conviction of the murder of William Marsh Rice, were concluded before the Court of Appeals to-day. In explanation of Patrick's unprecedented action in appearing before the court, a statement was made to-day in his behalf which says the necessity of Patrick's attendance upon this appeal was owing to the fact that large civil interests are incidentally involved and also charges of forgery. The application for Patrick's presence upon the argument, the statement avers, was granted by the court as a matter of judicial discretion and was not in any way a favor to Patrick. Patrick was taken back to his cell in Sing Sing prison handcuffed to a State detective. His wife and children and mother and sister accompanied him to the station where the shackles were taken from the condemned man long enough to let him give them a last embrace.

COPPER MAGNATE DEAD.

Multi-Millionaire Who Started Life as a Peddler of Stove Polish.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A dispatch from Palm Beach, Fla., reports the death of Meyer Guggenheim, the copper capitalist. Death was caused by pneumonia. He was 78 years old. Mr. Guggenheim went to Palm Beach two weeks ago for a rest. He was at the head of the firm of M. Guggenheim's Sons, owners of several mining and smelting enterprises. Mr. Guggenheim began his career as an itinerant vender of stove polish. Accumulating some money, he invested it in a Colorado mine and later went into the smelting business at Denver. He also erected at Pueblo, Colo., a big smelting works at great expense. He had given liberally to philanthropic enterprises and his name was well known in municipal affairs and civic reform.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY INVENTOR

Marries the Honorable Beatrice O'Brien, a London Heiress.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 16.—The marriage of Gugielmo Marconi to the Honorable Beatrice O'Brien, fifth daughter of Lady Inchiquin, attracted many people to St. George's church, Hanover Square to-day. Signor Marconi's mother and brother, the latter being the best man, came from Italy for the ceremony. Lord Inchiquin gave away the bride, who was attended by four bridesmaids. The couple afterwards started on their honeymoon, which will be spent in Ireland.

THE CLOVEN FOOT IN SAN DOMINGO.

Sensation Sprung in the Executive Session of the Senate Yesterday.

GRAVE CHARGES BY MORGAN.

Alleged That William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, Who Was Concerned in Panama Canal Deal, Figures in Dominican Affair.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Senate was in open session eight minutes to-day but transacted no business.

SENSATION SPRUNG IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Senator Morgan occupied practically the entire time in the discussion of the Santo Domingo treaty in the executive session of the Senate to day. He made a sensational speech in which he charged that William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, who was prominently connected with the sale of the Panama canal property to the United States, was the prime mover in the scheme to influence the United States in the financial affairs of the Dominican government. He asserted that Mr. Cromwell was actuated by a desire to frustrate a plan of a Mr. and Mrs. Reeder, natives of Alabama, who are operating under the name of the Reeder syndicate, to get certain concessions from the Dominican government and to promote the interests of a syndicate he represented, which it is alleged holds a mass of claims against Latin-American republics, including a large part of the debts against the Dominican government. The alleged disclosures were debated all day and the Senate is divided as to whether Senator Morgan made a case. The Democrats insist that he did, while the leaders among the Republicans declare that the charges were made up of a mass of matter which contained no conclusive evidence that Mr. Cromwell had used any undue influence. The speeches were made behind closed doors. Senator Morgan held his audience to the conclusion of his remarks.

The tentative programme of the Senate continues to be adjournment without date on Saturday without permitting the Dominican treaty to come to a vote. It is probable that it will be recommitted. Among the Senate leaders to-day a new plan was advanced in regard to Santo Domingo but it deals with the next session of Congress. It has been suggested that if the whole matter is allowed to go over a joint resolution might be passed by Congress to authorize the President to do the very things that are prodosed by the treaty. If this course were pursued a majority vote is all that would be required to place the entire matter in the hands of the President. It is understood that the plan found favor when it was suggested at the White House by Senators who called there to day. Senator Morgan in his speech said that he knew the Reeders well and that they were the original concessionaries in Santo Domingo and a treaty had been drawn up between them and the Dominican government which the Reeders were to be present to this government for consideration. This treaty, he said, was interfered with by Mr. Cromwell who, the Reeders charge, induced the Morales government to nullify it under promise that the United States would deal directly with Santo Domingo. It was charged that Mr. Cromwell represented a number of claimants whose securities would be advanced in value if the United States took charge and that his agent represented to President Morales that Mr. Cromwell was responsible for the formation of the government of Panama and the United States would do for Santo Domingo as much or more than had been done for Panama. When this argument was made, according to the Reeders, the Morales government threw up the alleged agreement with them and started the negotiations with the alleged agent of Mr. Cromwell. It was then that Mr. Cromwell, it is alleged, induced Santo Domingo to ask the United States to administer the customs affairs of the island. During the discussion Senator Morgan repeatedly referred to a treaty negotiated by the Reeders, which he said "had never seen the light of day," because of the interference of Mr. Cromwell's representative.

Senator Scott, of Connecticut, said that he did not want the discussion to go any further until that treaty had been produced. Thereupon it was sent to the secretary's desk by Senator Morgan and read. It is declared by Republican Senators that the treaty gave everything to Santo Domingo, concessions to the Reeders, and practically nothing to the United States. The Senators subsequently declared that charges based upon such a document were not entitled to consideration. Senator Foraker defended Mr. Cromwell, saying that he knew him professionally and believed him incapable of the acts charged. At the same time he said that the documents presented by Senator Morgan should be printed in order that all Senators might have a chance to examine them.

THE STEEL INDUSTRY.

Gross Earnings Fell Off $92,167,000 Last Year.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—President Corey, of the United States Steel Corporation, published to-day for the 67,500 shareholders of the company the annual report for the twelve months ended December 31 last, showing a decrease of $92,167,000 in gross earnings, compared with the corresponding period of 1903. By decreasing operating and general expenses, depreciation by improvement deductions, and passing the dividend on the common stock in January, the surplus for the year showed a decrease of only $7,300,000. The report says:

"The depression in the iron and steel trade, which, in common with all other lines of business, took place during the summer of 1903 and continued until the late fall of 1904. In the latter part of the year 1904 there was a marked increase in the volume of business received, and this revival has continued. The tonnage of unfiled orders on the books December 31, 1904, was 4,698,303 tons of all kinds of manufactured products in comparison with 3,318,195 tons at the close of 1903."

The report says $31,000,000 will be expended in 1905 in improvments.

At Washington yesterday the National Congress of Mothers elected these officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Frederick Schooff, Philadelphia; vice presidents, Mrs. Mrs. D. C. Mears, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. W. W. Murphy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. R Cotton, Bruce, N. C.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. C. Grice, Philadelphia; recording secretary, Mrs. J. P. Bronk, Bridgeport, Conn.; treasurer, Mrs. Louis K. Gillespon, Wilmette, Ill.; auditor, Mrs. Roger B. McMullen, Evanston, Ill.

PHILIPPINE POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION.

Island Possessions Will be Indefinitely Held Till Filipinos Are Prepared for Independence or Allegiance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—In order to allay any misapprehension relative to the policy of the administration with respect to the future of the Philippines, Secretary Taft to-day made public the text of a letter which he wrote to John N. Blair, of New York, bearing directly on that subject. The Secretary's letter says:

"The policy of the administration is the indefinite retention of the Philippines for the purpose of developing the prosperity and the self governing capacity of the Filipino people. The policy rests on the conviction that the people are not now capable of self government and will not be for a long period of time; certainly not for a generation, and probably not for a longer time than that, and that until they are ready for self government it would be a violation of trust for the United States to abandon the islands. The question as to the future, however, is one wholly of conjecture. The important fact is the present policy, which is that of the indefinite retention of the islands. What shall be done in the future, when the people have reached a condition where they can be safely trusted with their own government, is a question which will doubtless have to be settled by another generation than the present, both of the American and of the Philippine people, to whom wisdom and generosity we may safely trust the solution of the problem. Should the Philippino people, when fit for self-government, demand independence, I should be strongly in favor of giving it to them, and I have no doubt that the American people of the next generation would be of the same opinion. I think it much more likely, however, that after the Filipino people shall have been associated with the American people for a generation or more, and shall have tasted the prosperity they will find behind the national tariff wall, they will prefer a relation to America like that of Canada or Australia to England, to one of absolute independence."

SPIRIT OF FREEDOM IN RUSSIA

Russian Organizations Testify Czar's Sincerity—Terrorists Suspend to await Result of Emperor' Rescript.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.—The Zemstvos, Doumas, etc., throughout Russia are taking advantage of the imperial ukase issued simultaniously with the rescript conferring upon "individuals and institutions" the right of freely petitioning the emperor through the committee of ministers on all questions affecting the welfare of the empire, to demand representation upon the commission which is elaborating the rescript. The liberals contend that the ukase necessarily carries with it a complete guarantee of freedom of speech and assembly. They now propose in order to force a test of the governments sincerity to openly organize clubs for the purpose of debating political questions.

The strike situation seems everywhere to be improving. The Social Democrats here have advised the strikers who are without money and confronted with starvation to return to work and less than 10,000 workmen are now out, On the other hand the prospect of general disturbance on a large scale are becoming decidedly more threatening and are causing the deepest concern.

Many landed proprietors are afraid to go back to their estates. The movement has not assumed a political phase but is in the old form of a demand for a redistribution of the land. The agitation has now spread to Sibirsk province where the peasants are making ready to begin a division of the land as soon as the snow melts.

It is reported that the terrorists have formally notified the government that they will cease their activity for a month and await the result of the rescript.

GOVERNOR ADAMS OUSTED.

Another High Handed Political Outrage by Colorado Republicans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DENVER, COLO., Maach 16.—James H. Peabody to-day won his contest for the office of Governor of Colorado from which he retired on January 10, after serving a term of two years, but his victory was achieved only after he had given his pledge to resign and surrender the chair to Lieutenant Governor Jessee F. McDonald, Republican. Governor Peabody took over the office of Governor from Adams this evening.

The vote in joint convention of the general assembly by which Governor Adams, Democrat, was ousted and Governor James H. Peabody, Republican installed, was 51 to 41. The Republicans voted with Democratic members for Adams. Peabody maintained that Adams was elected only by fraudulent ballots cast for the most part in Denver.

Alva Adams was inaugurated governor of Colorado on January 10, the canvass of the election returns by the general assembly having shown a plurality of 9,774 votes for him. Two days later James H. Peabody filed a contest for the office which he had reluctantly surrendered. On January 17 the general assembly in joint convention authorized a commission of 37 members, 18 Republicans and 9 Democrats to hear evidence in the contest and report its conclusions. The committee consumed more than a month in considering the evidence and preparing its reports; which were submitted to the joint convention on March 8.

WILL PROBABLY TALK ABOUT CHINA.

Secretary Hay to Go on Voyage to Europe for Benefit of His Health

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary Hay will be absent from Washington until the end of April on a sea voyage for the sake of his health. He may visit several European capitals but is charged with no official mission. He will sail before the end of this week and is expected to resume his cabinet duties on his return. Mr. Loomis will act as Secretary of State, and after the President's departure on his trip to the Southwest, any questions connected with the administration of the State Department outside of the routine business will be referred to Secretary Taft for his disposition.

Henry R. Reed, the wealthy Boston business man who was found dead in a suite of rooms at the Grand Union Hotel in New York city last Tuesday, died of heart disease. This conclusion was reached by the coroner. Drugs found near the body, which gave rise to a suspicion of suicide, were found to be remedies for rheumatism and heart trouble.

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MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Well Dressed Young Woman Choked to Death at Newark Hotel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWARK, N. J., March 16.—A young woman was apparently murdered some time last night in a hotel here which had its license revoked a week ago but which was still doing business because the limit of license had not expired. The woman is supposed to have been choked to death by a male companion who left the hotel, after locking the door behind him. No one saw him leave. The pair engaged a room at the hotel for 24 hours on Wednesday night and registered as D. Edwards and wife The man started to write Trenton after the name but scrawled over it so that it is illegible. The man left the hotel about 10 o'clock but returned in a few minutes with a package he said contained headache powders. Nothing further was heard of the pair until the 24 hours had expired. A brother of the proprietor of the hotel receiving no response to a knock, forced an entrance through a window. The woman lay dead on the bed fully attired except her hat and coat. She lay face upwards and there was a pillow across her face. A mark was found on the left side of the throat, which appears to have been made by a finger or thumb. Both the man and woman were well dressed. In the room was found a handkerchief with the letter "C" embroidered in the corner. A pin which the woman wore bore the letters "M. D." Her shoes had the trade mark of a Jersey City dealer.

LYNCH THE MOTORMAN.

Mob in New York Indignant at Foolhardy Trick in Stopping a Train

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Two persons were badly hurt and a dozen others slightly injured while hundreds were thrown into a panic of fear by a a rear-end collision between two southbound Sixth avenue elevated trains at Seventy second street and Columbus avenue during the forenoon rush hours to-day. A train which had just stopped at the station was run into by another that had been following it closely.

Passengers said that the collision was due to the attempts of the motorman of the rear train to discover how near he could bring his train to the one ahead of him without hitting it. They aver that he made several such attempts before the accident and then became confused and failed to stop his train in time.

Passengers on both trains became wildly angry when they discovered the cause of the accident and made a rush for the motorman, with cries of "lynch the moterman" and "mob him."—Police reserves were called out. The motorman was not arrested.

DR. ALDERMAN'S SUCCESSOR

New President of Tulane University Inaugurated Yesterday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—The inauguration of Dr. Edwin Boone Craighead, recently of the Missouri State normal school, as president of Tulane university, of this city, took place to-day in Tulane theatre. Archbishop Chappellom delivered the opening prayers, the principal address being delivered Governor Blanchard. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Beaums.

Previous to the exercises a procession was formed and passed through the streets, the students and alumni participating. Prominent citizens and educators not only from the South but from the North as well, were in attendance. To-night a banquet was given the guests and Dr. Craighead by the Tulane alumni.

WARM WIRELETS.

Senator Bacon, who was seized with illness on Tuesday while making a speech in the Senate, was much improved yesterday. His physician has ordered absolute quiet for a day or two Dr. Morgan, Senator Bacon's physician, says the Senator's illness was caused by overwork and not by gastritis as at first supposed.

After an absence of twelve months in New Mexico in search of health Governor W. D. Jelks, of Alabama, will return next Monday and assume the duties of his office. His return will mean a special session of the Legislature to pass upon several acts that have been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

At Petersburg, Tenn., yesterday, the vault of Petersburg was blown open and all the cash was taken. The amount stolen is reported to be $4,000. The Bank of Peterasburg is a State Institution. The officials say the thieves secured $7,000. The steel vault was blown open with nitro glycerine and the strong box emptied. The burglars escaped.

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THE LUMBER ADVANCE

Prices Not to Go Into Effect for the Present.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Norfolk, Va., March 16.—At a meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association held to-day, it was agreed that the contemplated advance on higher grades of manufactured lumber authorized at a previous meeting would not go into effect and that all grades be allowed to remain as at present. Capt. John L. Royer were re-elected president and John R. Waller was re elected first vice-president. E. S. Fosburgh, of Virginia; J. A. Wilkerson, of North Carolina, and Maxwell Anderson, of North Carolina, were elected as presidents to represent their respective states in the organization.

KING HAS A COLD.

Prince of Wales Held Levee at St James' Palace in Place of His Father.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 16.—King Edward is suffering from a slight cold and consequently the Prince of Wales in behalf of his majesty held today's levee at St. James palace. The function was not largely attended.

The king's indisposition, it is asserted at Buckingham palace, is trivial. He received foreign Secretary Lansdowne, the Brazilian minister and others in audience this morning, but it was considered advisable that he should remain in doors for a day or two.

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